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Date: September 12, 2012

To: Peter Hahn
 Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

Goran Sparrman
 Deputy Director, Seattle Department of Transportation

Dongho Chang
 City Traffic Engineer, Seattle Department of Transportation

Re: NE 65th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Dear Mr. Hahn, Mr. Sparrman, and Mr. Chang:

On August 1, 2012, the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) received a briefing from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) on the bicycle and pedestrian improvements proposed for implementation on NE 65th Street between the Burke Gilman Trail and Magnuson Park.

This letter is to inform you that SBAB is supportive of the project and recommends that you move forward with implementation as currently planned.

As you know, the proposed project includes installation of a cycle track on the south side of NE 65th St from the intersection of the Burke Gilman Trail and 65th to the entrance of Magnuson Park. The proposed project includes additional bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements, such as the enhanced crossing of Sand Point Way NE. Though this is a relatively small geographic area, it is SBAB's opinion that this connection is high-impact in terms of the safety and comfort of people traveling between the Burke Gilman Trail and the Magnuson Park.

Magnuson Park is not just a park – it is the home of many families, the place of business of many employees, and a place of recreation for the community at large. Connecting Seattle's flagship trail with one of Seattle's flagship parks via a separated bikeway is a good decision – one that will likely improve the safety of everyone using that stretch of NE 65th St.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this project. If you have any questions about SBAB's position on the project, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Allegra Calder
 Co-Chair, SBAB

Max Hepp-Buchanan
 Co-Chair, SBAB

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impact which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

– City Council
 Resolution 25534